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In re Application of:)
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For: FLAT WIRE STENT) Confirmation No.: 9975

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING FILING OF
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated January 13, 2009, applicant respectfully requests a two (2) month extension of time, thereby extending the period for reply to June 13, 2009. Applicant has timely filed this Response electronically within the two-month extension period. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.